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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Summary of work in Chinatown and Latin quarter, San Francisco,
for the week ended February 20, 1904.*

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of February 22:

Buildings reinspected.....	482
Rooms	2, 809
Persons inspected	2, 788
Sick	44
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary.....	7
Dead examined	12
Necropsies	5
Provisional diagnosis of plague (1 white, 1 Chinese).....	2
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	57
Number showing post infection.....	0
Places limed and disinfected	579
Times streets swept.....	3
Sewers flushed	16

No plumbing report for this week.

Measures for destruction of rats.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *February 20, 1904.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Energetic measures for wholesale destruction of rats were decided upon at conference with State and city boards of health and representatives board of supervisors and merchants' association to-day. Money for purchase of Pasteur virus and other poisons was made immediately available. These will be used as soon as possible over large section of city.

BLUE.

Smallpox in Georgia.

The following is received from Surgeon Brooks, at Savannah, under date of February 13:

Application was made to Dr. W. W. Owens, member of the State board of health in this city for information as to the amount of smallpox in this State, and to-day he permitted me to make a copy for you (herewith inclosed) of a letter from Dr. H. F. Harris, secretary of the board, embodying all the information obtainable.

[Inclosure.]

ATLANTA, GA., *February 12, 1904.*

MY DEAR DOCTOR: Your letter was received here while I was away, hence the delay in replying. It would be a very wild guess for me to say how many cases of